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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

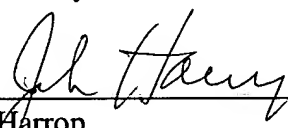
Sir:

In response to the May 26, 2004 Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-129 and 144-189 drawn to a method of data encryption/decryption using multiple key management, distribution and generation methods, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of all claims 1-189 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the search and examination of the entire application should be made without serious burden. See M.P.E.P. §803, which states that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that this policy should apply in the above-identified application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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